## QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE PARTIAL TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS 2012/2013

Deed must be presented as proof of ownership.

Each of the owners must be 65 unless husband & wife or siblings in which case only one must be 65. Proof of age must be submitted. (birth certificate, baptismal, license, passport)

Description of property and tax map number must conform to latest assessment roll.

Applicants must have owned property for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the date of filing the application.

Property must be the primary (permanent) residence and owner occupied.

Property cannot be used for anything other than the legal residence.

Income of all owners <u>including spouses</u> must not exceed the limit of \$37,400 and will result in a percentage assessed value exemption based on a sliding scale.

Income (of all owners plus spouses) consists of but is not limited to: Social Security, Pension, wages, dividends, interest on accounts, alimony, disability payments, workman's compensation, rent collected, etc.

A copy of the SSA-1099 Social Security Benefits form must be submitted.

All inheritances and gifts must be itemized. The source of donors should be noted.

A RENEWAL FORM MUST BE FILED EACH YEAR BY DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>. Failure to file will result in the cancellation or denial of exemption. This is in accordance with Real Property Tax Law 467.

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